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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION LISBON FROM OPORTO JULY 25 REPEATED FOR
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QUOTE
C O N F I D E N T I A L OPORTO 0203

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PINT PO
SUBJECT: CDS POSITION IN CURRENT PS-CDS NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING COURTESY CALL JULY 25 ON ENG EUGENIO ANACORETA
CORREIA, CDS DEPUTY FROM VIANA DO CASTELO, NATIONAL SECRETARY
FOR AUTONOMOUS REGIONS AND MEMBER OF CDS NATIONAL POLITICAL
COUNCIL, HE EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH ON CDS POSITION IN CURRENT
NEGOTIATIONS WITH PS. A SUMMARY OF HIS MAIN POINTS FOLLOWS:

-- THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM WITH THE PS LIES IN WHAT HE DES-
CRIBED AS THE AMBIGUOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PCP AND THE
PS. IT IS THE GOAL OF THE CDS TO DRIVE COMMUNISTS OUT OF
POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT (HE CLAIMED FOR
EXAMPLE THAT SAIAS HAD REINSTATED 38 OF 46 COMMUNISTS IN THE
ALENTEJO WHOM BARRETO HAD DISCHARGED), FORCE THE PS TO ALIGN
ITSELF FIRMLY IN A CENTRIST, MODERATE COALITION WITH THE CDS
AND THROW DOWN THE GUANTLET TO THE PCP. THE CDS OBJECTIVE
WILL BE TO ISOLATE THE PCP AND FORCE IT INTO CLEAR CUT
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OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. CORREIA BELIEVES THAT THE PCP
WILL SQUAWK LIKE HELL FOR A MONTH OR TWO, BUT THAT IT WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO MOBILIZE ANY EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE
GOVERNMENT.

-- THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF THE CDS IS A MORE FORMAL
COALITION WITH THE PS, SPLITTING GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIOS ON A

TWO-THIRDS/ONE-THIRD BASIS FOR THE PS AND CDS RESPECTIVELY.
THE CDS WANTS FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, COMMERCE &
TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE, WITH JOSE CARVALHO CARDOSO FILLING
THE LAST. HE SAID THAT THE PCP WOULD BE INCENSED BY A CDS
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE CDS WANTS.
A FIFTH MINISTRY MIGHT BE TRANSPORT, BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN
DISCUSSED. (CORREIA PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CDS TAKE
A "TECHNICAL MINISTRY" LIKE INDUSTRY OR PUBLIC WORKS WHERE
POLITICS ARE LESS INVOLVED AND MORE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.
HE DISCLAIMED PERSONAL INTEREST IN BEING A MINISTER.)

-- IF THE PS-CDS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE, THE PS WILL PROBABLY
REVERT TO THE "BALANCING ACT" OF THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT. THE CDS HAS NO INTEREST IN EARLY ELECTIONS, ITS
PREFERRED SOLUTION IS CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS RESULTING IN A
FORMAL COALITION. SINCE SOARES CUSTOMARILY RESORTS TO DILATORY
TACTICS IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY, CORREIA EXPECTS THAT THE CURRENT
IMPASSE COULD CONTINUE FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: CORREIA CLAIMS TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE CURRENT
STRATEGY SETTING SESSIONS OF THE CDS NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.
THE POSITION HE ELABORATED SEEMED WELL THOUGHT OUT, BUT WHETHER
IT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS THE NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES
OF FREITAS DO AMARAL OR IS MERELY THE BRAINCHILD OF ONE OF
HIS STALWARTS IS UNCLEAR. CORREIA IS A BRIGHT, ARTICULATE
ENGINEER WHO WILL TRAVEL TO THE US ON A LEADER GRANT IN
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